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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER REPORTED; IMPORTANT
AGREEMENT HINTED

1. VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS SUNDAY CARRIED BRIEF REPORT (ASLO BROAD-
CAST SATURDAY EVENING ON IMPORTANT TV GLOBO NETWORK) ACCORDING
TO WHICH IT WOULD BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED LATER IN COMING
WEEK THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD VISIT BRAZIL (SPENDING
TWO DAYS IN BRASILIA) BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY; ONLY OTHER
COUNTRY TO BE VISITED, ACCORDING TO REPORT, WAS VENEZUELA.
REPORT ALSO SAID THAT DURING VISIT, POLITICAL-ECONOMIC
AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED WHICH WOULD INTER ALIA "PERMIT"
A REDUCTION IN BRAZIL'S \$2 BILLION TRADE DEFICIT WITH THE
US.

2. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM SOURCES IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS THAT
SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ARE TALKING OPENLY
ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, ITS TIMING, AND THE "SIGNING
OF A VERY IMPORTANT DOCUMENT" DURING THE VISIT.

3. THE EMBASSY IS MAINTAINING THE POSITION THAT WE HAVE NO
CONFIRMATION YET OF THE PRECISE TIMING OF THE VISIT, WHICH
THE SECRETARY HAS LONG WANTED TO MAKE.

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